

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to air a grossly biased, anti-Kerry commentary as a "documentary" on the public airwaves just days before the presidential election is a blatant violation of federal law and common sense. It amounts to outrageous partisan political use of television by a monopolistic broadcast corporation, and is without historical precedent.

Sinclair's use of the public airwaves is supposed to carry with it a responsibility to serve the public interest. Yet, this responsibility is clearly being arrogantly ignored by Sinclair in this instance.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to return to the rigid 'all candidates have equal air time' federal regulations. A failure of the FCC to stop Sinclair's blatant abuse of federal public broadcast and campaign laws in this case will result in the complete loss of faith in the honesty and bipartisanship of the FCC.